

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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Safe and Healthy Lives in Safe and Healthy Communities

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
AND DISCIPLINE

No. C98-101
C98-033

IN THE MATTER OF:
MEHDI ABEDI, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") received complaints from various sources concerning Respondent, Mehdi Abedi, M.D. These Complaints were referred to an Investigating Committee for review. The findings of fact and conclusions of law are set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board finds that there have been allegations that the Respondent:
 - (a) engaged in conduct which was disruptive of professional activities;
 - (b) reused hystero-salpingographic catheters after bathing them in Cydex solution, which catheters are intended for single use only;
 - (c) continued improperly to practice Nuclear Medicine after the only designated physician within his practice properly licensed to practice such procedures had left his employment; and
 - (d) erred in stating that he was board certified in radiology.

2. The complaints to the Board implicate the provisions of R.I.G.L. § 5-37-5.1(19), as they pertain to conformance to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice, as well as R.I.G.L. §5-37-5.1(24) pertaining to violations of Rules and Regulations of the Department.

The parties agree as follows:

(a) Respondent is a physician licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license number, MD5968;

(b) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board;

(c) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of Investigating Committee II of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on respondent until final ratification by the Board.

(d) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

(1) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;

(2) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;

(3) The right to cross-examine witnesses;

(4) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;

(5) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;

(6) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;

(7) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;

(8) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;

(9) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.

(e) If Respondent does not accept this Consent Order, the Investigative Committee will recommend to the Board that an Administrative Hearing be scheduled with respect to the allegations set forth herein. If the Board approves, a Hearing Committee will be convened for the purpose of conducting the Administrative Hearing.

(f) The signing of this Consent Order is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by any

party that the law or regulations have been violated in connection with the foregoing allegations.

(g) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board.

(h) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

(i) Respondent will be on probation for a period of three years commencing on the date of ratification of this Order;

(j) Respondent shall enter a three year contract with the Physician's Health Committee of the Rhode Island Medical Society, which Contract shall include an evaluation as specified by the Board;

(k) Respondent shall attend a course in ethics at ProBe in New Jersey, the results of which shall be sent to the Board and;

(l) Respondent will be held professionally responsible for the veracity of the contents of all applications for licenses and certificates and diagnostic procedures and reports.

(m) There shall be an administrative fee of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) due within 60 days of the acceptance of this agreement.

Signed this 9th day of February, 1999.

Mehdi Abedi
Mehdi Abedi, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on
February 10, 1999.

Patricia A. Nolan, MD, MPH
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The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") received notice that the Respondent plead to a felony in the United States District Court in Rhode Island. Additionally, the Respondent was subject to a previously entered Consent Order in which he was placed on probation. The findings of fact and conclusions of law are set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Respondent entered a consent order on February 10, 1999 with the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline in which he was placed on probation for three years and ordered to be evaluated and treated through the Physician Health Committee ("committee") of the Rhode Island Medical Society. The Respondent eventually signed an agreement with the committee which notified the board.
2. Subsequently, the Board learned that the Respondent plead guilty to a violation of 18 USC §875(c) for Transmission of Interstate Communication Threatening Injury to Another (a felony).

3. The Board then received communication from the Physician Health Committee indicating that the Respondent had been non-compliant with the agreement that he signed with the committee.

4. The Board finds that the Respondent is in violation of the Consent Order entered into on February 10, 1999.

The complaints to the Board implicate the provisions of R.I.G.L. 5-37-5.1 for violating terms of probation and the terms of the Consent Order.

The parties agree as follows:

(a) Respondent is a physician whose license lapsed as of July 1, 2001 and who formerly did business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license number, MD5968;

(b) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board for purposes of this Consent Order.

(c) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of Investigating Committee II of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.

(d) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

(1) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;

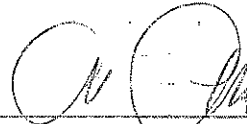
(2) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;

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- (6) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
- (7) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
- (8) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;
- (9) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order. The signing of this Consent Order is for settlement purposes only.

- (a) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board.
- (b) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- (c) The Respondent hereby agrees (i) that his license to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island lapsed as of July 1, 2001; (ii) that he has not had a license to practice medicine in Rhode Island since July 1, 2001; (iii) that his application for renewal thereof has been denied based upon his present and continuing disability to practice medicine and (iv) that he has agreed not to contest nor appeal the denial thereof.

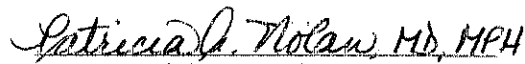
Furthermore, if the Respondent wishes to re-apply in the future for medical licensure in Rhode Island he will have to demonstrate his fitness to practice medicine in accordance with the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws then in effect as well as all rules and regulations of the Department of Health pertaining thereto.



Mehdi Abedi, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on

August 14, 2002, 2002.



Patricia A. Nolan, MD, MPH
Director of Health